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DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAK AGRICULTURE

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- Syobodne Slovo, No 46, 24 Feb 49

. The Ustav pro Mezinarodni Spolupraci v Zemedelstvi a Lesnictvi (Organization for International Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry) in Letna in Prague is also the central agency for agricultural cooperation among the Slavic countries and People's Democracies / TESR satellites/. Its task is to inform the public of new developments in agriculture and forestry and to see that they are put into practice.

For these purposes the organization contacts Czechoslovak and foreign institutes, follows renearch results, and conducts investigations for its own ase smong the nations with which Czechoslovakia is on friendly terms. It organizes expeditions and arranges exchanges of scientists and experts in agriculture and forestry.

The organization issues a monthly bulletin in three languages, Creck, Amssian, and English, and several other publications. Delegates from abroad, chiefly from the People's Democracies, also work in the organization.

PASTURE COOPERATIVES EXPAND -- Sychodne Slovo, No 46, 24 Feb 49

The pasture cooperatives, a subsidiary of the Central Workers' Cooperatives, completed their two-year plan in July 1948. Under the Five-Year Plan, they are to open pasture occoperatives within the cooperatives for the production and care of livestock. Some of these cooperatives will be formed on state farms, while others will remain within the Central Workers' Cooperatives

Only persons who actually work in the pastures will belong to these cooperatives, although before 1948 farmers from the interior who were interested in pastures could also belong. Now, everyone who works on the land of the cooperatives becomes a number. Members of the cooperatives receive specialist training and form a pool of skilled labor.

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CONTRACTS FOR FARM PRODUCE -- Swobodne Slovo, No 44, 22 Feb 49

Indications are that the program for signing contracts for production and delivery of agricultural products will be fulfilled by the target date, 28 February. The municipalities are to report their results to the okres, by 24 February; the okres to the kraj, by 26 February; and the kraj to the Ministry of Agriculture, by the end of February.

RETTED FLAX -- Svobodne Slovo, No 46, 24 Feb 49

For 5 years, retted flax has been producing large profite in Czechoslovakia. The financial yelld per hectare for retted flax is about 40 percent greater than for unretted flax. Also, the producer of retted flax is entitled to liner cloth worth more than 50 percent of the value of the flax he delivered, whereas the producer of unretted flax is entitled to only 20 percent.

Retting of flar can be started immediately. March and April are the most favorable months for spring retting, as there is ample moisture then and the leaves do not grow.

The time required depends upon temperature, rainfall, and morning dew. Under favorable conditions, flax can be retted in 4 to 5 weeks, while in dry weather more than 8 weeks may be required.

CERB OXRES TO PLANT ORCHARDS -- Sychodne Slovo, No 46, 24 Feb 49

Plans for the Cheb cadastral district call for the planting of 8,000 fruit trees of all kinds. Another 7,000 trees will be planted in the neighborhood of Cheb Okres, so that this area will not have to depend upon imports of fruit from other okres in the future.

WINDERBARS IN SOUTHWRN MORAVIA -- Rude Pravo, No 48, 26 Feb 49

In southern Moravis, particularly in Znojmo Okros, there are year-round dry winds, which rapidly desiccate the scil. In Znojmo Okros these winds blow up to 250 days per year. Most of the winds are mild, but some are so strong that they pick up the loose soil from the fields and carry it away.

In an effort to check the effects of those winds as much as possible, windbreaks are being built in southern Moravia. Sets of deciduous and conferous trees have been planted in a 20-meter belt throughout the southern part of the okres. Similar belts have been planted perpendicularly from the boundaries of Znojmo Okres to the interior. These windbreaks will considerably mitigate the effects of the winds, and will contribute to the greater productivity of the region.

HATCHERIES IN BOHERIA -- Symbodne Slovo, No 48, 26 Feb 49

At the Ripec hatchery of the Madeta cooperative of Tabor Okres, 93,000 chicks were hatched in 1948. The 1949 plan calls for 114,259, but the hatchery already has orders for 150,000 chicks.

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In 1940, when there was little interest in scientific poultry breeding, the Madeta cooperative offered chickens, henhouses, and some feed to all applicants. The cooperative now has 27,000 poultrymen.

The farm at Ripec near Meximosti also has a dairy and cheese factory. The Madeta cooperative has another large hatchery for 10,000 chickens and 100 guines fowl, goese, and ducks on its farm at Kasovice near Zelec and is preparing a new modern hatchery for its Cerveny farm.

AGRICULTURAL RECRUITMENT -- Svobodne Slovo, No 40, 17 Feb 49

The spring plowing program will require the recruiting of 1,000 tractor drivers and 2,000 brigade workers to repair agricultural machinery in the Czeck Provinces, and an additional 500 tractor drivers and 500 skilled brigade workers will be needed in Slovakia.

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